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April 22, 2014

Rick Havenstrite
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Subject: Partial Approval of Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Desert Hawk Gold Corporation, Kiewit Mine, M/045/0078, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Havenstrite:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has reviewed the amendment to the Kiewit Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) submitted on April 13, 2015. The following pages have been replaced in the Notice:

1. New Figures 3, 3A, 5, 12B, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 19

These figures reflect a secondary crusher site B, and changes in the pregnant solution pond. These items have been stamped approved, and a copy is provided for your records. The revised reclamation cost estimate will be reviewed after these changes have been completed and concurrence is received from the BLM. Please keep the Notice current by submitting changes using Form MR-REV-att, which is located on the Division's web site at ogm.utah.gov. Also received are the following:

1. A page from the Kiewit Mine Project Environmental Assessment (EA). It is unclear if this is to be added to the EA or if it should go somewhere else. Please provide form MR-REV for this page.
2. A figure labeled as "Exploratory Drill Hole Locations." It is unclear if the figure is for information only, but approval for drilling on BLM land is to include approval from the BLM. Please provide more direction.

The approval of the amendment does not relieve an operator from his responsibility to comply with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of all local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over any aspect of the operator's mining operations.



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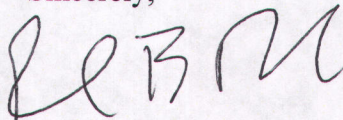
The Division again reiterates the conditions included in the approval letter dated February 21, 2014:

1. Mining at the Clifton Shears will not exceed 20 feet in depth until the operator has completed additional rock characterization.
2. No mining may be done at the Yellow Hammer until the operator has completed rock characterization.
3. Mining at the Kiewit will include rock characterization as committed to in the NOI.
4. Backfilling and grading reclamation bond monies will not be released until the heap leach draw down has been completed.

The Division and Desert Hawk Gold have agreed that inconsistencies exist in the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Notice) and that any inconsistencies that impact regulatory authority decisions will be decided by the Division.

Thank you for your cooperation in finalizing this permitting action. Please call Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257 if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

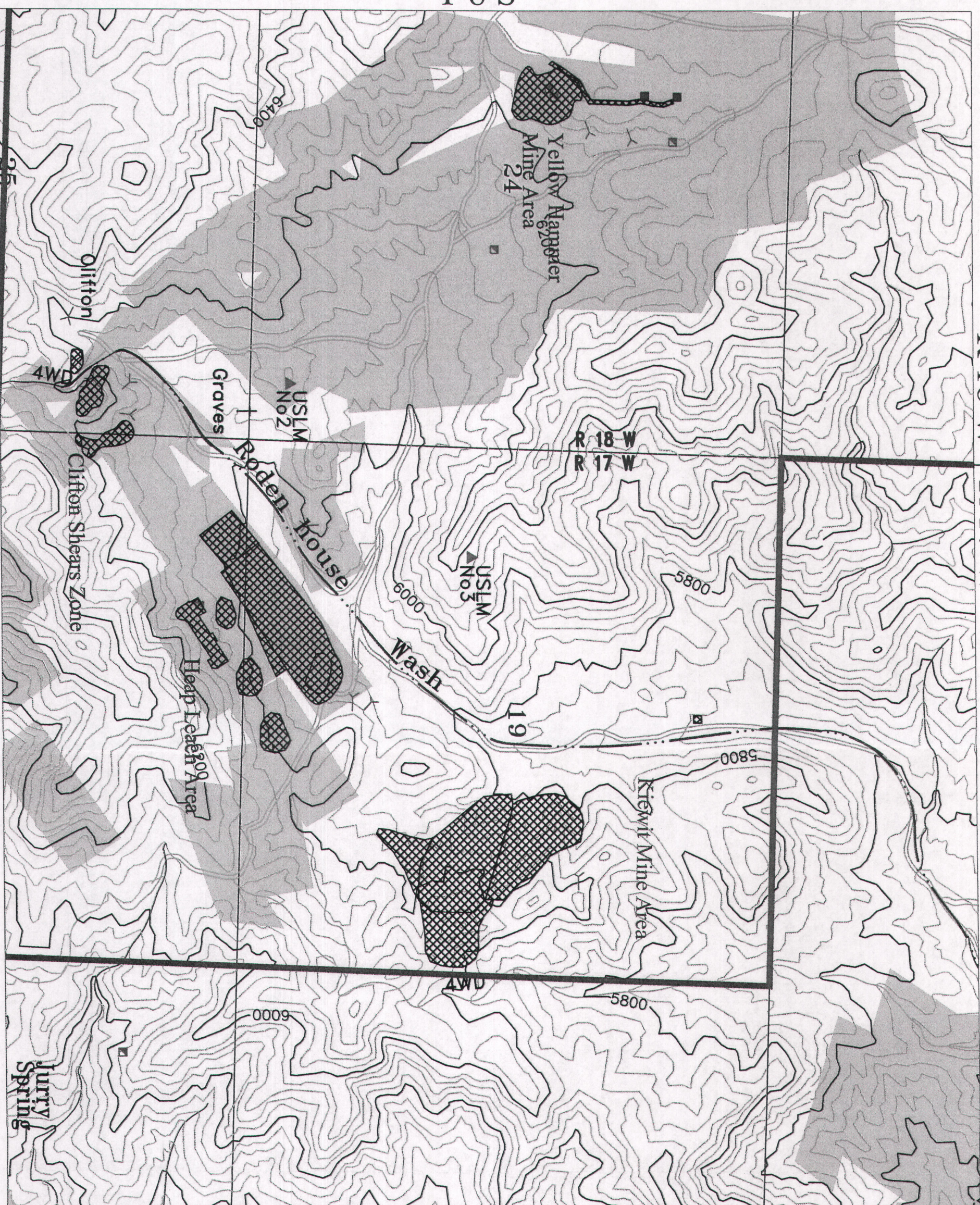


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- PATENTED MINING CLAIM LEASED BY DESERT HAWK
 - PRIVATE SURFACE - OTHER
 - FEDERAL SURFACE
 - MINE PERMIT BOUNDARY
 - DISTURBED AREA
 - REGRADED, NOT YET REVEGETATED

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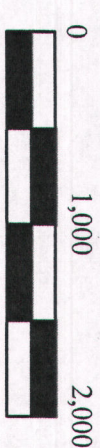
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FIGURE 3

SURFACE OWNERSHIP

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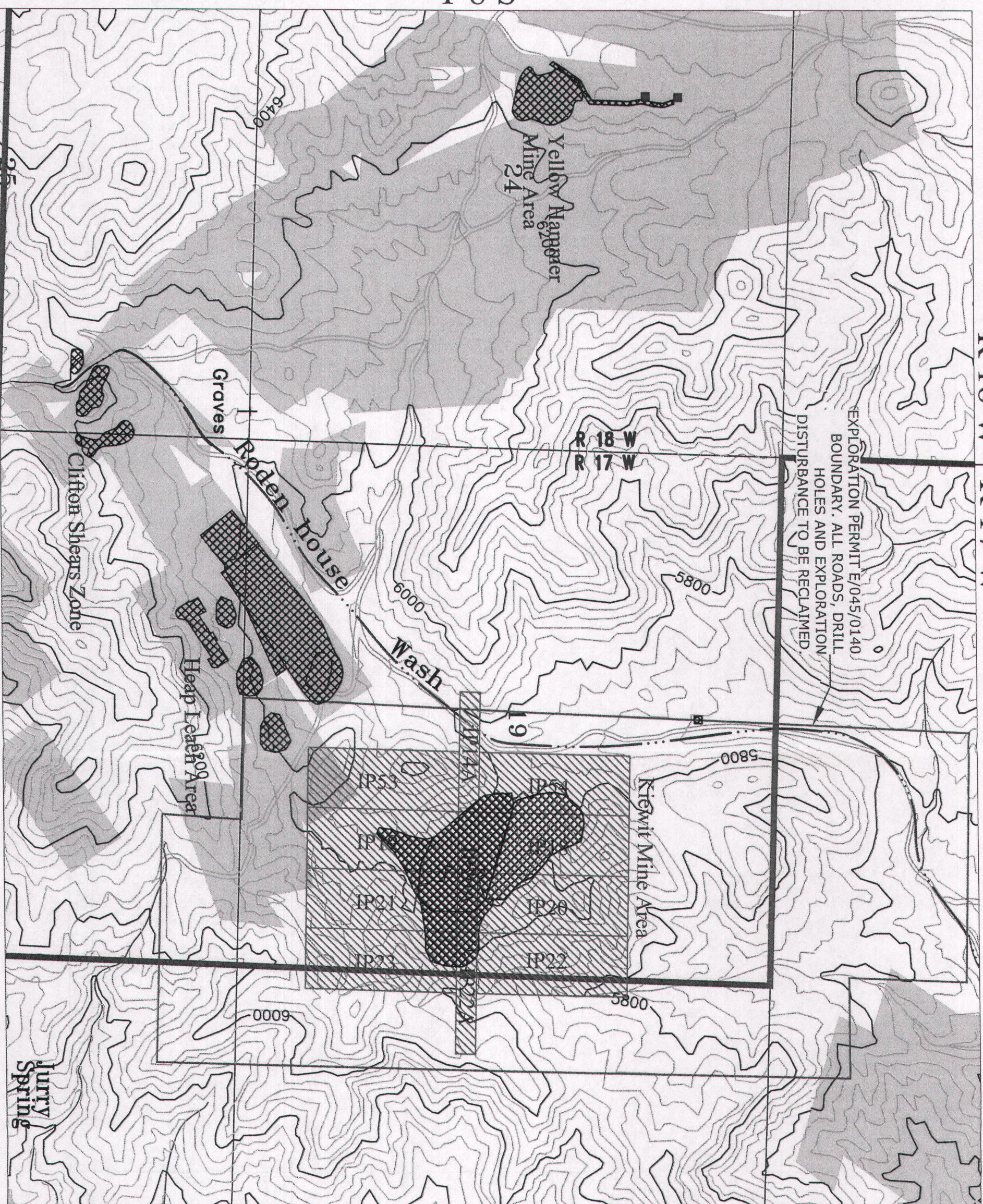
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FEDERAL SURFACE

PRIVATE SURFACE - OTHER

UNCLAIMED FEDERAL MINERALS

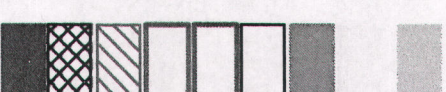
MINE PERMIT BOUNDARY

EXPLORATION PERMIT E/045/0140

INDIVIDUAL LOAD CLAIMS

DISTURBED AREA

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FIGURE 3A

MINERAL OWNERSHIP

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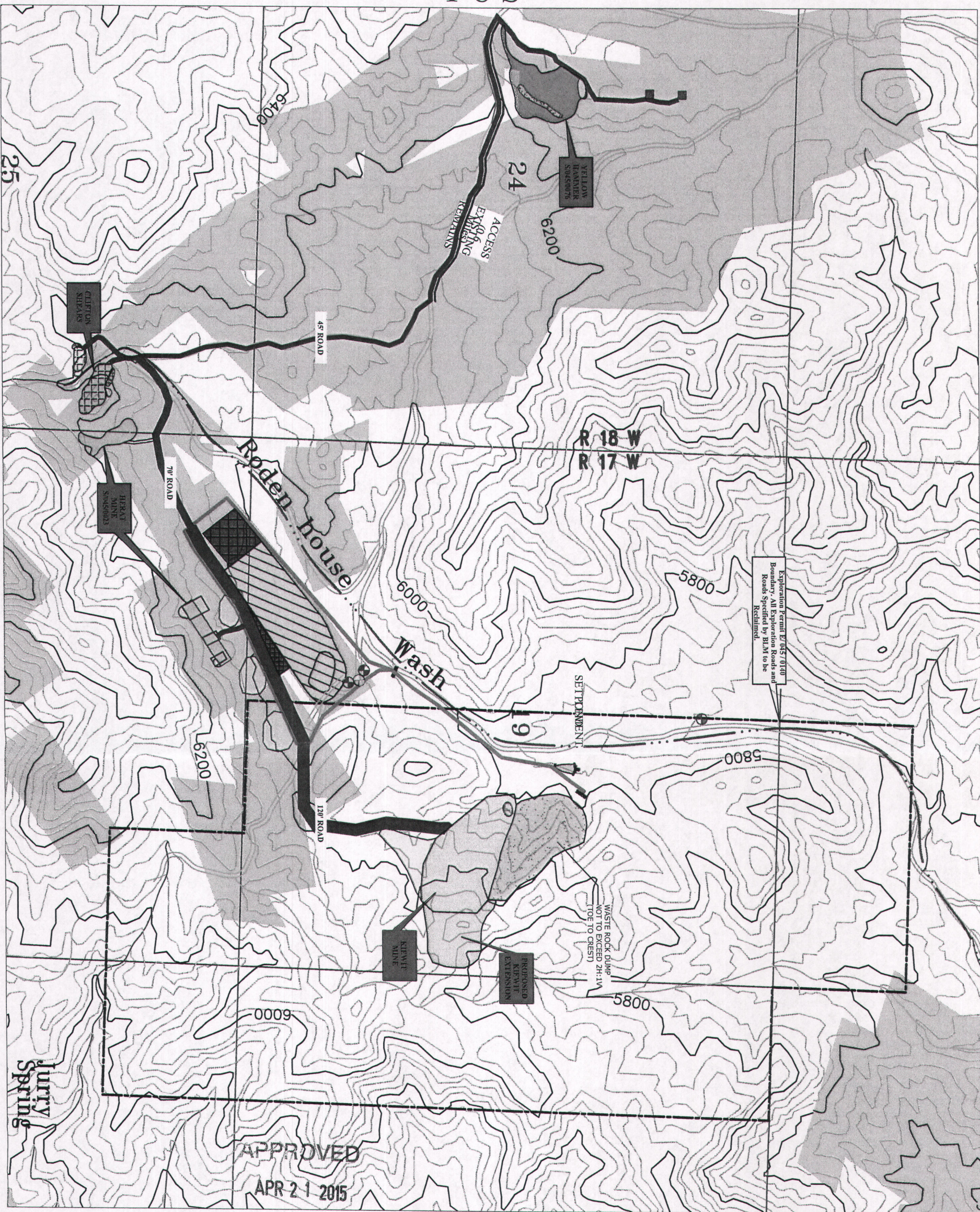
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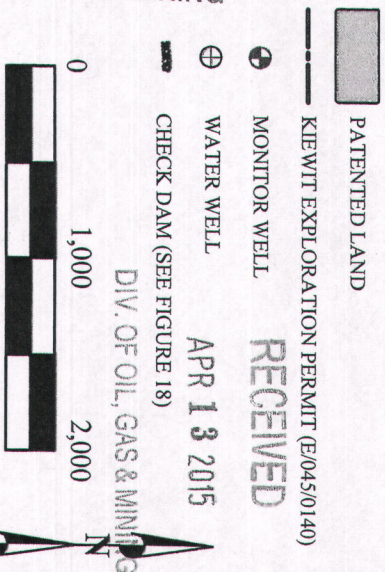


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Project Disturbance (Acres)	PRIVATE	BLM	TOTAL
Kiewit Pit	0	23.5	23.5
Kiewit Waste	0	15	15
Kiewit Growth Medium Stockpile	0	4	4
Settlement Pond	0	0.5	0.5
Sediment Ditch	0.5	0.5	1
Temporary Ore Stockpile	0	1	1
Clifton Shears Mine	10	0	10
Clifton Shears Waste Dump	2	0	2
Yellow Hammer Mine (S/045/0076)	6	0	6
Yellow Hammer Waste Dump	1.5	0	1.5
Y. H. Growth Medium Stockpile	0.5	0	0.5
Hert Mine (S/045/0023)	4	1	5
Hert Growth Medium Stockpile	0.25	0	0.25
Haul Roads	17	8.5	25.5
Heap Leach and Process Facility	19.5	0	19.5
Crusher Area "A"	4	0	4
Crusher Area "B"	1	0	1
Crusher Area Growth Medium	3	1.5	4.5
Regraded but not Revegetated	1	0	1
Misc	1	0.5	1.5

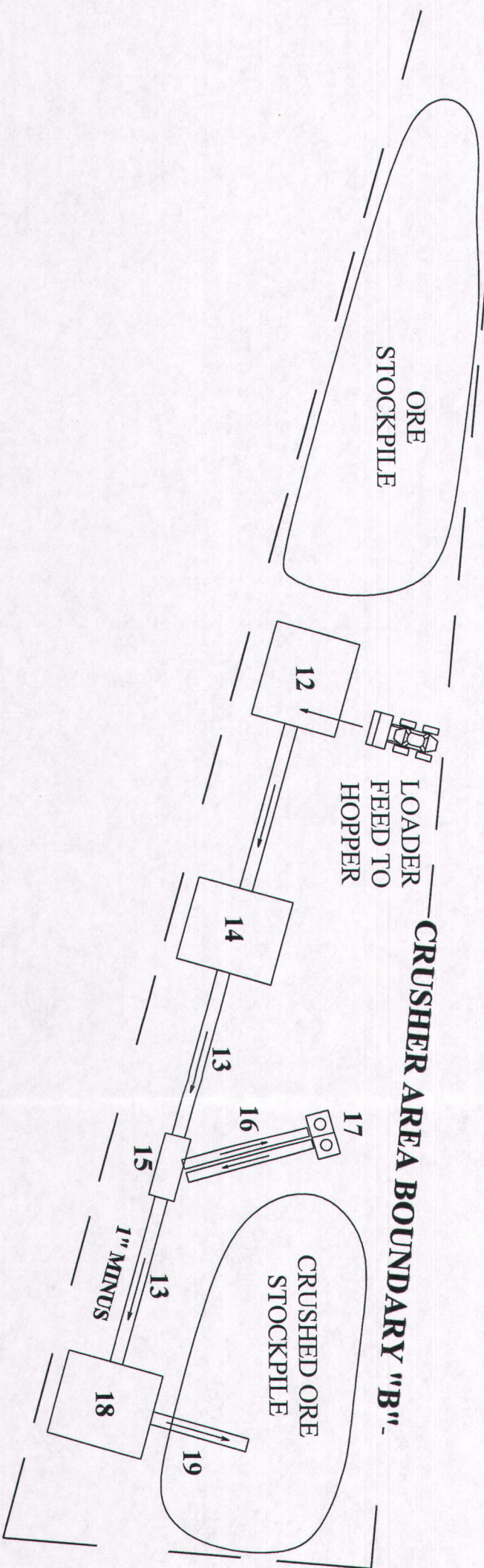
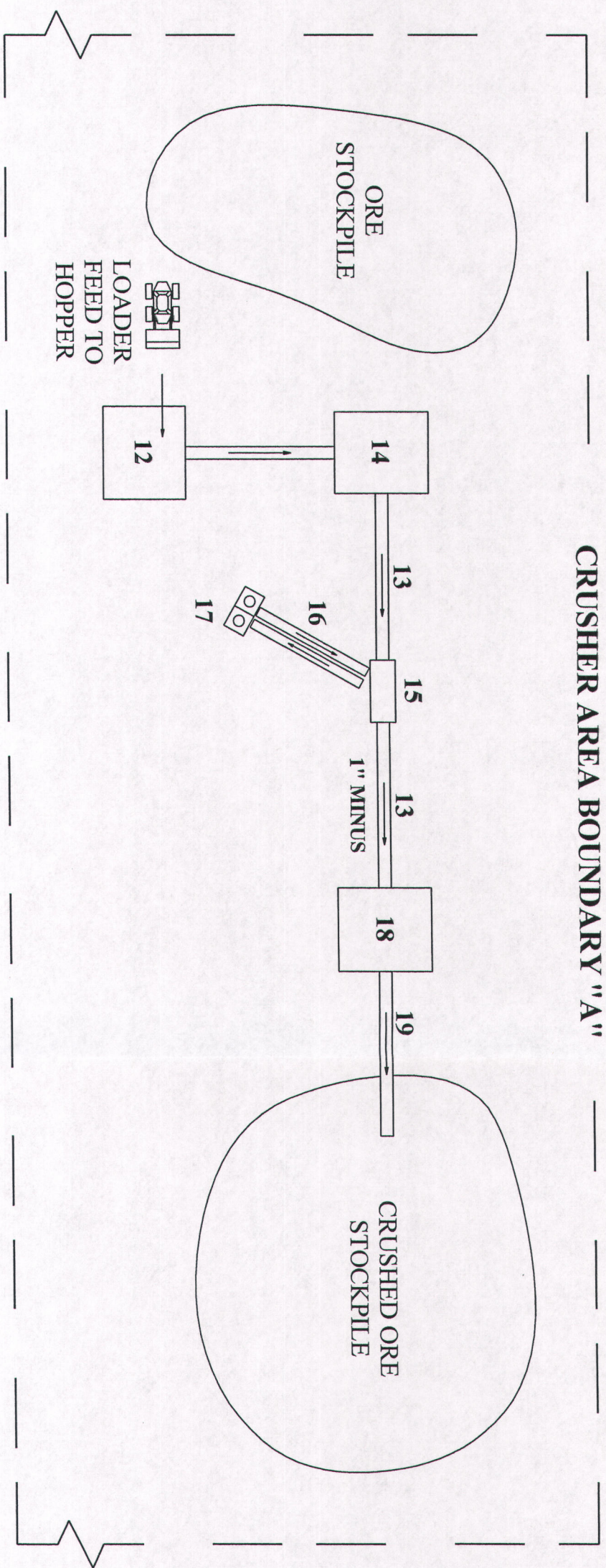


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PROPOSED SURFACE FACILITIES
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CRUSHER AREA EQUIPMENT

- 12) 30 TON HOPPER WITH 36" CONVEYOR BELT
- 13) 36" x 40' CONVEYOR BELT (2EA, 7.5HP)
- 14) 36" x 42" JAW CRUSHER
- 15) 6' x 15' DOUBLE DECK SCREEN
- 16) 24" x 30' CONVEYOR BELT (2EA, 7.5HP)
- 17) 4' HYDROCONE CRUSHER (2EA)
- 18) AGGLOMERATOR
- 19) 36" x 40' STACKER

NOTE:

ALL CRUSHING EQUIPMENT IS MOBILE AND MAY BE RELOCATED BY THE CONTRACTOR WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF EITHER CRUSHING AREA "A" OR CRUSHING AREA "B".

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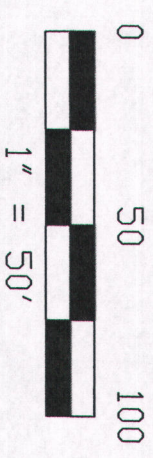
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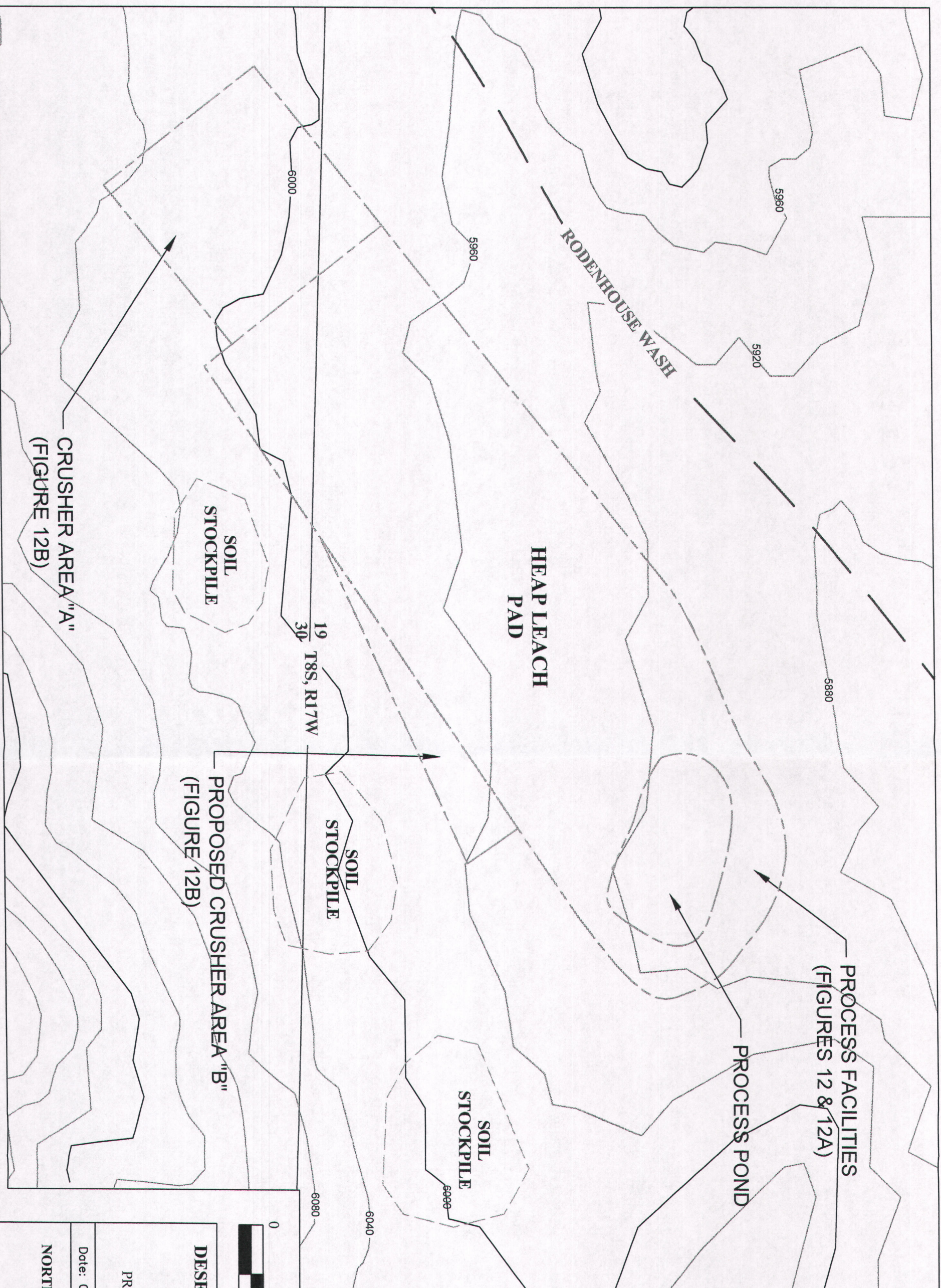
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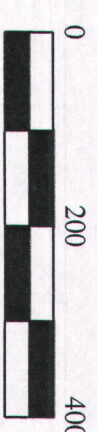
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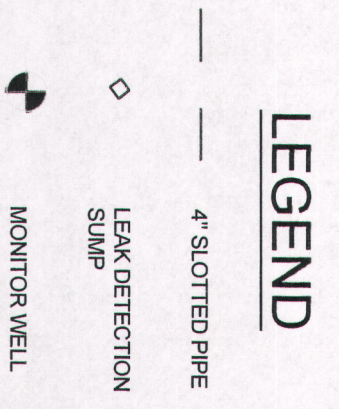
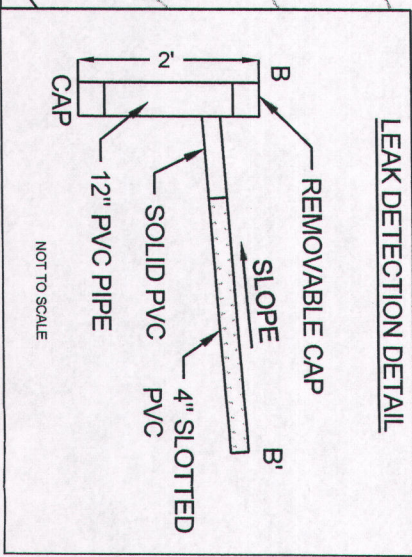
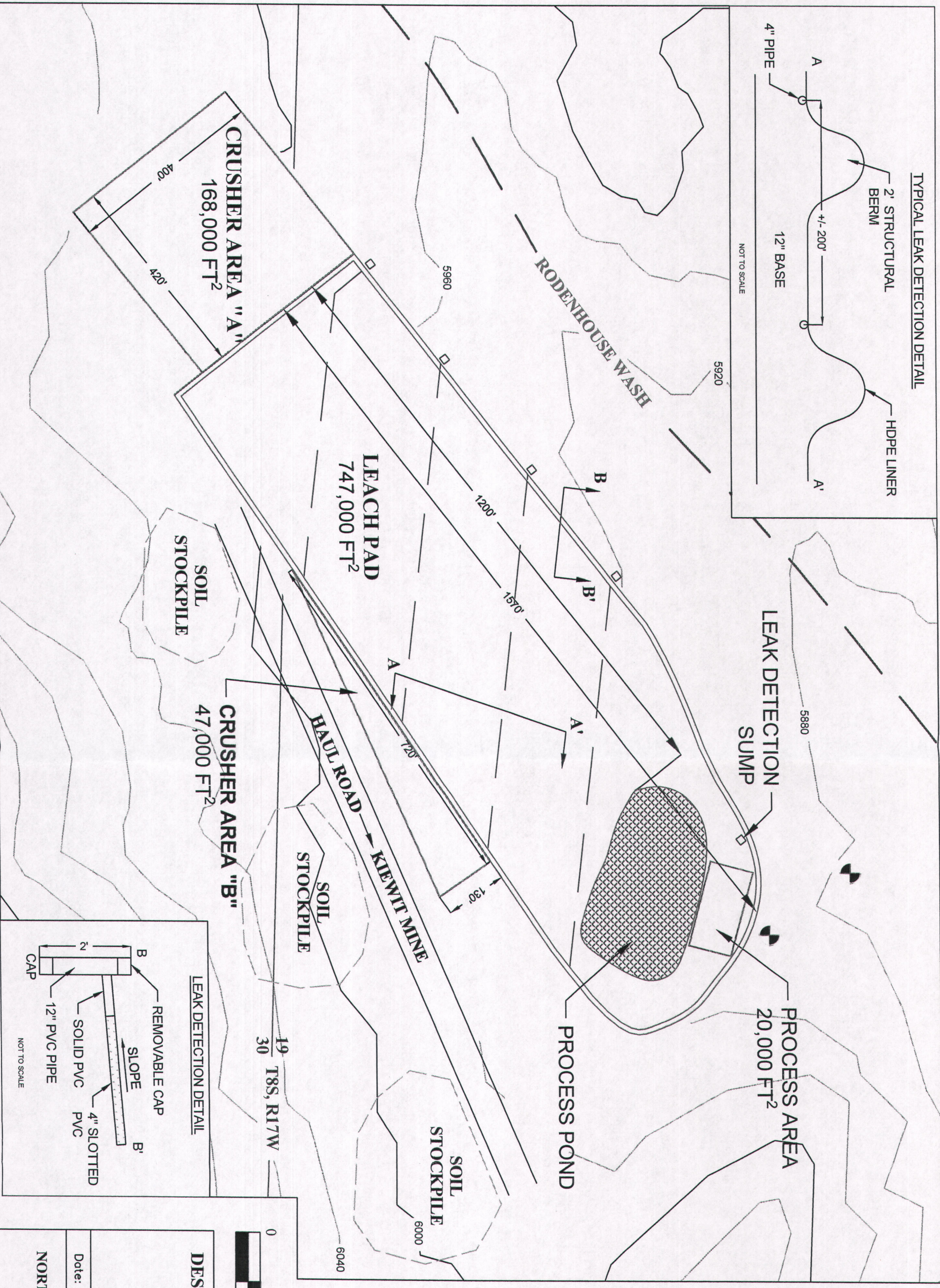
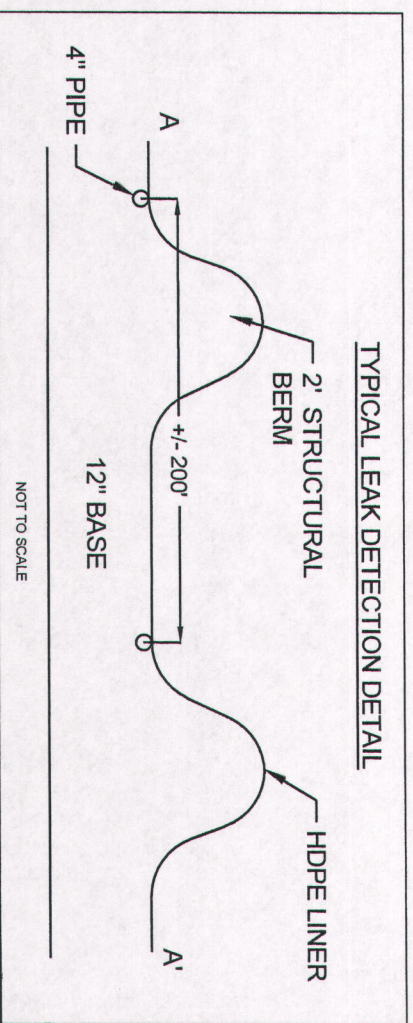
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NOTE:
4" SLOTTED PIPE ARE PARALLEL
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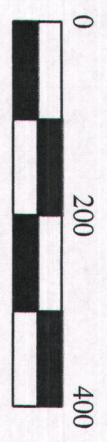
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FIGURE 14

**HEAP LEACH PAD-
GENERAL LAYOUT**

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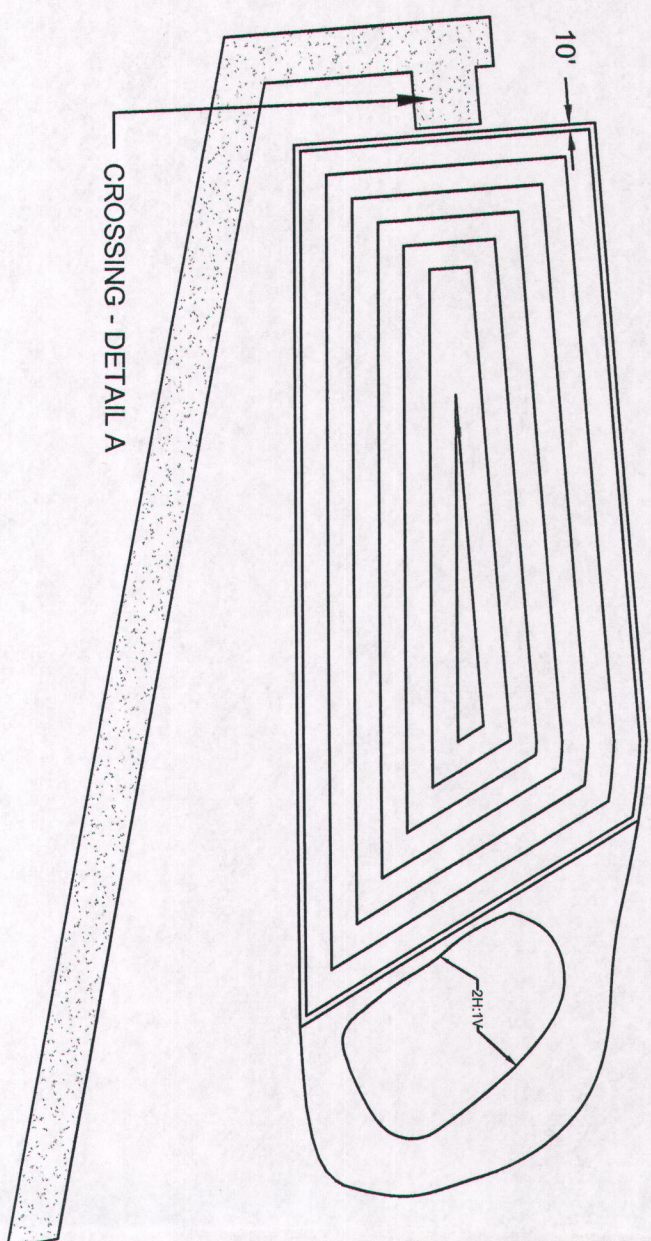
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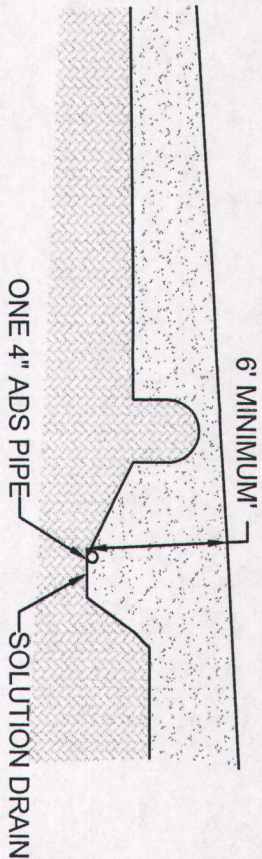
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PLAN VIEW



DETAIL A



NOTES: OVERLINER 4' IS 1" MINUS CRUSHED ORE.
SUBSEQUENT LIFTS ARE CRUSHED ORE,
RUN OF MINE, BASED OF FIELD
CONDITIONS

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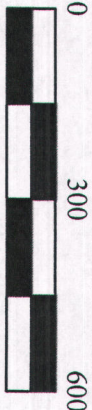
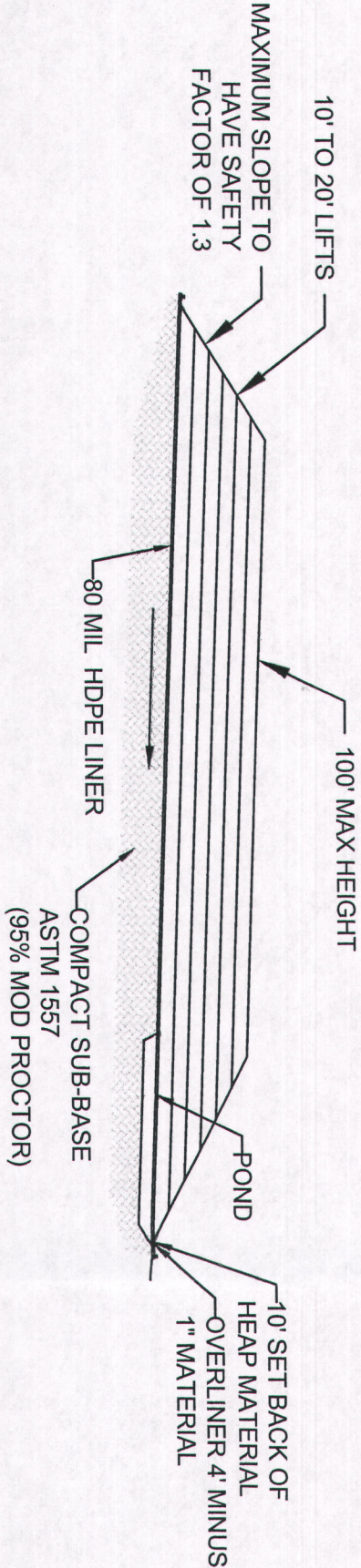
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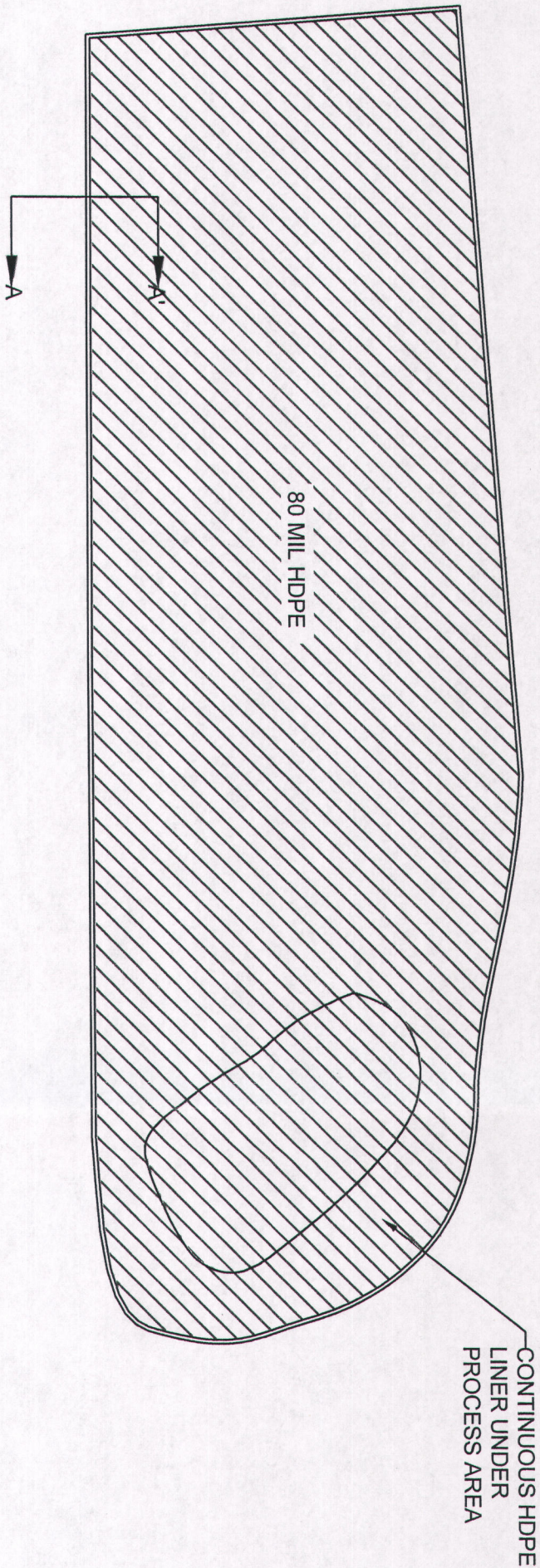
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HEAP LEACH PAD-ORE LOADING
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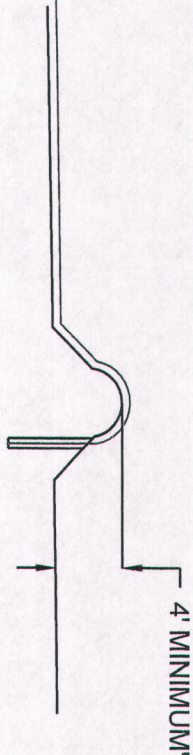
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A-A'
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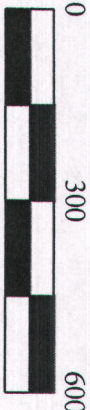
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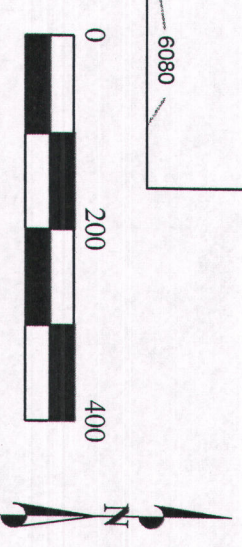
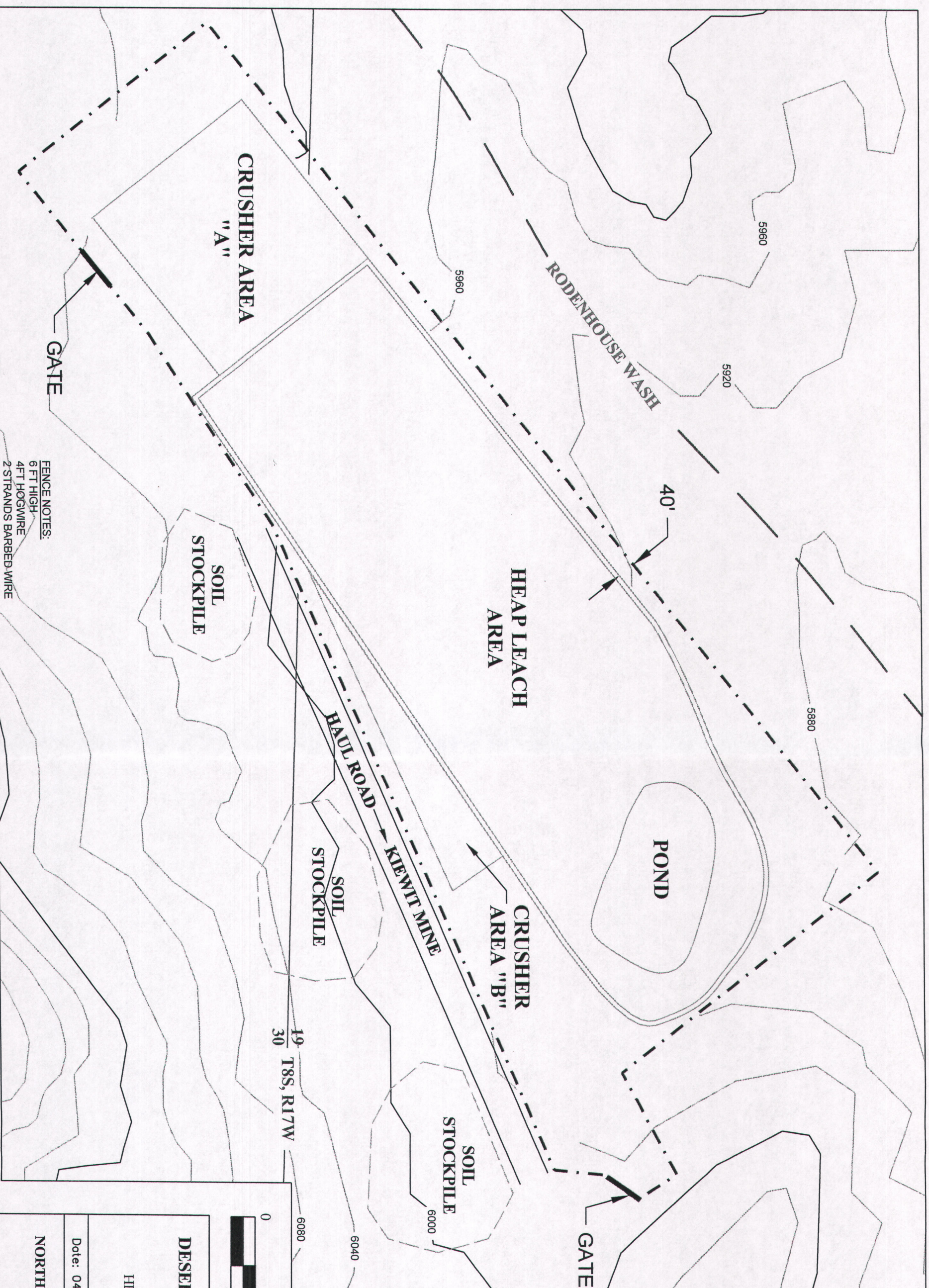
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HEAP LEACH PAD-FENCE

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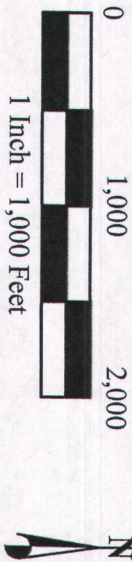
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- Pit Floor: Grade to 1% Slope Toward High Wall, Rip to 24", Seed.
- Mine Area: Overall Slopes of Highwalls 45° Max. For all Areas (Excluding Highwalls) Rip to 24", Blend and contour Slopes, Replace Growth Medium, and Seed.
- Waste Dumps: Encapsulate deleterious material as required. Grade to 2H:1V Slope or Less, Spread Growth Medium, Rip to 18" and Seed.
- Pad/ Process Area: Grade and Contour to 2H:1V Slope or Less, Replace Growth Medium, Rip to 12", and Seed.
- Sediment Pond and Ditch: Backfill, Rip to 18", and Seed.
- Haul Road: Regrade to Drainage Grade, Replace Growth Medium, Rip to 24", and Seed.
- Exploration Access Roads to be Reclaimed 3.5 Acres (10,100 ft x 15' wide)
- Regraded, not yet Revegetated

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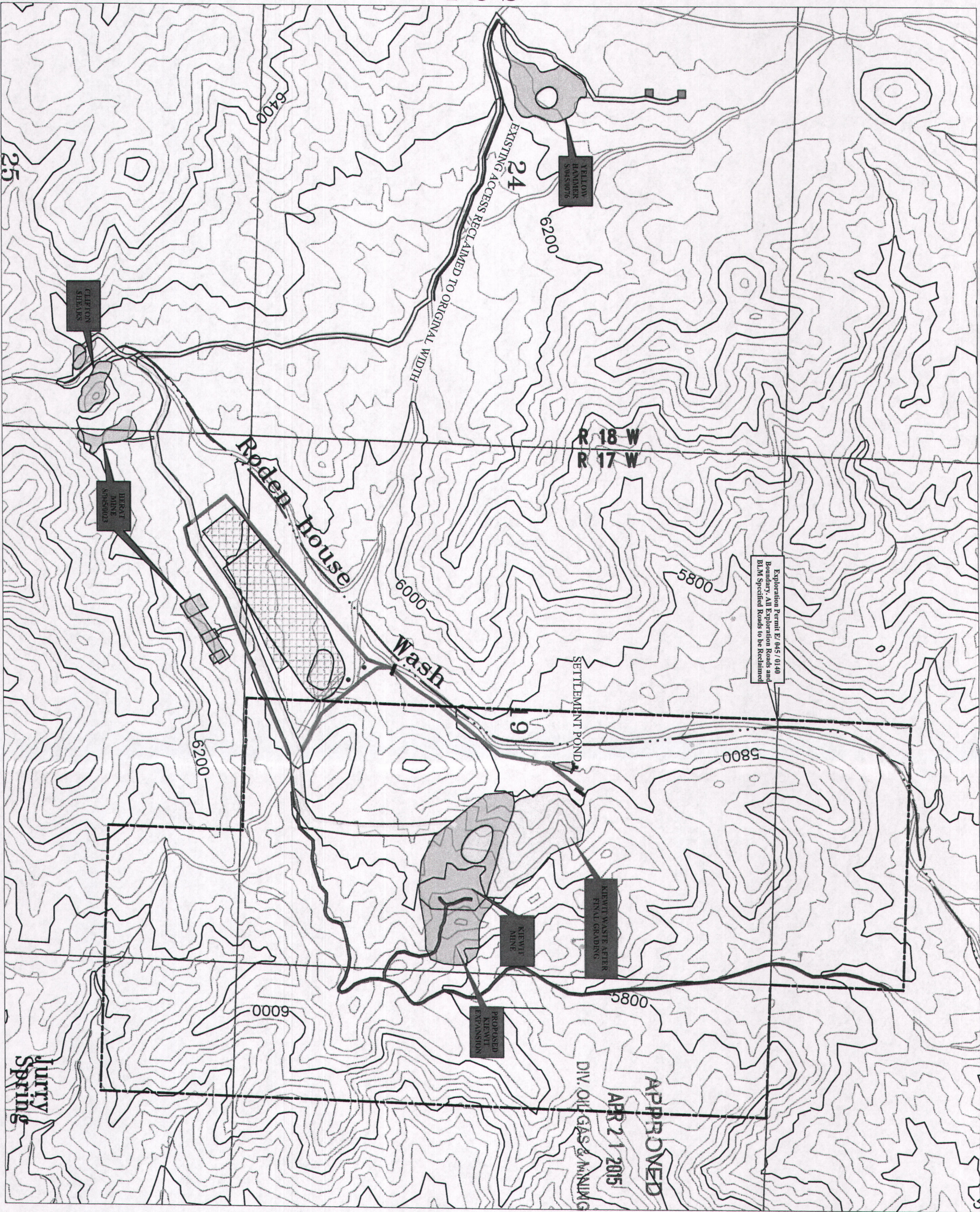
- 1) ALL ACCESS ROADS WITHIN THE KIEWIT EXPLORATION PERMIT (E / 045 / 0140) BOUNDARY TO BE RECLAIMED.
- 2) A MINIMUM OF 8" OF LOOSE GROWTH MEDIUM TO BE REPLACED OVER ALL DISTURBED AREAS, EXCLUDING HIGHWALL BENCHES.
- 3) A MINIMUM OF 15' OF LOOSE GROWTH MEDIUM WILL BE PLACED OVER THE HEAP.
- 4) ALL HISTORIC ROADS WITHIN E/045 /0140 WILL BE RECLAIMED PER BLM SPECIFICATIONS
- 5) YELLOW HAMMER EXISTING MINE - ALL HIGHWALLS MUST BE SLOPED TO 45° OVERALL MAX SLOPE, PIT BACKFILLED ABOVE WATER LEVEL, AND PIT FLOOR REVEGETATED.
- 6) ALL EXISTING ROADS WHICH HAVE BEEN WIDENED WILL BE RECLAIMED TO ORIGINAL WIDTH.



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FIGURE 19
RECLAMATION TREATMENTS
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